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I Have given a lot of thought to how Microsoft should be made to pay for their past behavior. As someone who has worked for many years in the IT industry, and as a law student at the University of San Francisco, I feel that the best thing for the _industry_ would be to force Microsoft to open up its APIs and to "open source" Internet Explorer. These two actions will keep Microsoft from making their Windows products incompatible with 3rd party software thereby creating greater competition in the area of applications. Also, opening up the APIs will allow companies to compete with Microsoft directly because the industry will now be able to create new operating systems which are Windows compatible.

Breaking up Microsoft will achieve nothing but create two monopolistic companies where only one existed before. There will be absolutely no benefit to the consumer. It would simply be an act of revenge.

Thank you,
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